(b) if so, the mandate of independent regulator and the functional relationship between the regulator and the Ministry;

(c) whether such a step requires amendment to the existing Act or a new enactment by the Parliament; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) The mid-term appraisal by the Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan is in progress and the recommendations would be known only when the appraisal is finalized. There is no proposal at present for setting up of an independent regulator for Railways.

Unauthorised railway employment forms

*430. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to cases of unauthorized railway employment forms being distributed in the State of West Bengal to dupe the unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the action taken so far; and

(c) if not, whether Railways would refer such cases to CBI for thorough investigation to bust the fake employment racket?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) As per recruitment procedure, vacancies in Group 'C' and Group 'D' are advertised in Employment News/ Rojgar Samachar published by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The advertisement contains complete details alongwith the proforma of the application form. Application forms can be copied on A-4 size paper or can be downloaded from concerned Railway websites by the candidates. Thus, application forms are available freely and without any cost to the candidates. Railways do not authorize any agency/individual to distribute forms anywhere in the country including West Bengal. It is for the law and order enforcement agencies in the State to take appropriate action, if any individual/ group of individuals/ organization is/are engaged in any such activity.

Salary/wages of non-faculty employees of AICTE

*431. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Committee headed by a former Chief Justice of India to examine the fee structure of technical institutes affiliated to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has been seized of the fact that while salaries of faculty members of AICTE affiliated institutes are governed by AICTE rules, no rule exists with regard to salary and wages of their non-faculty employees;

(d) whether the Committee will examine the salary/wages of the non-faculty employees of the AICTE affiliated institutes; and

(e) if not, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) In compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court of India in the case of P. A. Inamdar & Others *v/s* State of Maharashtra & Others, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of Justice Shri Ranganath Mishra, former Chief Justice of India to suggest, *inter-alia,* the suitable mechanism for charging of fee in technical institutions in the country. The list of members is given in the Statement *(See* below). The Committee is yet to give its report.

(c) to (e) The AICTE Act empowers the AICTE to "co-ordinate the development of technical education in the country at all levels". As part of its role for developing technical education in the country, AICTE lays down the salary structure for faculty of the institutions approved by it. The salary structure of non-teaching employees of the technical institutions are left to the States/UTs to decide. As such the terms of reference of the Ranganath Mishra Committee do not include the salary structure for non-teaching employees of AICTE approved institutions.

Statement

Composition of the National Fee Committee.

1.	Justice Shri Ranganath Mishra, Former Chief Justice of India.	Chairman
2.	Justice Giridhar Malaviya, Former Justice of Allahabad High Court.	Member
3.	Prof. S.K.Khanna, Former Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi.	Member
4.	Prof. T.N.Kapoor, Former Vice Chancellor Punjab University, Chandigarh.	Member
5.	Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Former Vice Chancellor Anna University, Chennai	Member
6.	Prof. C.K. Kokate, Former Vice Chancellor Kakatiya University, Warangal.	Member
7.	Prof. Pritam Singh, Former Director, IIM, Lucknow.	Member
8.	Prof. Amar Nath Sandhu, Former Partner PWC and Prof. of Accountancy & Finance VG SIM, IIT, Kharagpur.	Member
9.	Sh. S.J. Bhalla, Former President, Council of Architecture.	Member
10.	Dr. K. Narayana Rao, Member Secretary, AICTE.	Convener